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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Jan Rytter	Examiner:	Hook, James F.
Serial No.:	10,575,134	Group Art Unit:	3754
Filed:	April 6, 2006	Docket No.:	13261.0031USWO
Title:	A Flexible Pipe with a Permeable Outer Sheath and a Method of Its Manufacturing		

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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action dated September 15, 2009, requiring an election of species. With respect to the species shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species corresponding to Figure 1 for examination. With respect to the species shown in Figures 4b, 5b, and 6, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species corresponding to Figure 4b for examination. With respect to the species shown in Figures 7a and 7b, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species corresponding to Figure 7a for examination. The basis for Applicants' traversal is that Applicants do not necessarily agree with, or wish to be bound by, the Examiner's rationale in proposing the request for restriction of examination. Applicants further respectfully submit that the Examiner's identified species comprise related variants of a single general inventive concept.

At least the following claims are readable on the elected species: Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, 14-24, and 26-27. The following claims are generic: 1-3, 8-10, 15-24, and 26-27.

Favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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